

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents.

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Miss Parkes, 35 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Last, 18 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn, 19 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Haines, 22 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, 17 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wyles, 42 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Petley, 14 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Abley, 26 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Hall, 15 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth, 34 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Read-Jones, 23 Foxhollow ✓	Mr. and Mrs. Clements, 31 Foxhollow ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, 36 Acorn Avenue ✓	Dr. and Mrs. Hapuarachchi, 10 Foxhollow ✓
and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, 14 Partridge Drive. ✓	

Bar Hill W.I.

There will be no December meeting. Our first meeting in 1973 will be on Thursday, 4th January at 7.45 p.m. in the School. A representative of the Post Office will be coming along to answer any questions we may have regarding the postal services.

The recent collection for the N.S.P.C.C. raised £26.90. Thank you.

Brownies, Guides and Cubs

Volunteer helper wanted Any lady who would be interested in helping to run the Brownies and Guides in this Village is asked to contact: Mrs. Wilkins, 6 Almond Grove (80301), or Mrs. Harbottle, 32 Partridge Drive (80232). Both groups meet on Tuesdays: Brownies 4.00 - 5.15 and Guides 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. in the School.

Coffee morning The Brownies, Guides and Cubs thank all those who came to their recent coffee morning, and all those who helped. The Guides' and Cubs' profits have been put towards their funds, and the Brownies' profits have gone towards providing cutlery for the Church Centre coffee bar.

Heaters

A reminder that the filters from warm-air central heating units should be washed regularly, especially in winter when the system is most in use. This is not only a health precaution, but improves the efficiency of the heaters.

Pre-School Playgroup: Toy Auction

The Playgroup are holding their annual Toy Auction on Friday, 8th December at 8 p.m. in the Church Centre. Toys for auction must be brought between 7.30 and 8 p.m. on the 8th. The Playgroup will retain 20% of the price fetched, and a reserve price may be placed on any item.

We will have for sale an amount of paper, powder paint and P.V.A. adhesive at cost price.

Coin-box Telephone

During this month the GPO will be installing a coin-box telephone in the Coffee Bar in the Church Centre. The Centre is normally open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and during these hours residents are welcome to use the phone to make outgoing calls. D. M^CI.

Garden Club

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th December in the School. An expert from the School of Botany will give a talk, illustrated with slides, on "Alpine Plants". Please come and make his visit worthwhile.

The shop will be open for the last time until mid-February on 10th December, so come and stock up for your winter gardening needs.

Bar Hill Football Club

Results of matches to date:

League Cup 2nd round: v. St. Ives All Stars (L) 6 - 0

Lower Junior Cup, 1st round

- v. Hill Row Haddenham (W) 4 - 1 (goals scored by R. London, M. Small 2, N. Starling 1)
- v. Cambridge Banks (W) 4 - 2 (D. Gray 2, M. Small 1, J. Dewston 1)
- v. Y.C. Athletic (L) 7 - 2 (B. Austin 1, D. Gray 1)
- v. Cambridge City S.C. (L) 7 - 5 (K. Hdgate 2, M. Small 1, B. Austin 1, D. Gray 1)

Parish Council

Arboretum Plans are being made for planting about 100 trees of 50 species, ranging from forest trees to ornamental types, on the strip of land between the perimeter road and the Lolworth boundary. The trees will be provided partly by "Trees for People" and partly by the County Council.

Slide A children's slide has been purchased for erection in the play area at the southern end of the Village Park. It is an "Embankment Slide" and will be placed down the slope there.

Planning Applications A 3-sided, single tier advertising column for the forecourt of the shopping precinct was rejected because it was felt to be pointless so close to the shops, and because it was out of keeping with earlier proposals for beds of plants on the forecourt. Proposals for the western end of the precinct include a tidying-up of the ironwork, provision of flower beds, and the laying of a path to the car park and Gladeside.

Lights Work on installation is progressing as fast as possible.

T.V. Aerial Maintenance will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Bus passes Should Whippet Coaches be granted the service, then the appropriate season tickets would be issued to school children.

Village Green The Council agreed to accept the quotation of £4,600 for the necessary work on the Green; of this the Council will pay half and Bar Hill Developments the other half. Discussion is now taking place on the provision of a tarmac area and playground equipment.

Traffic Enquiry This is still not completed. Whippet Coaches have given evidence; an attempt to get Whippet and Eastern Counties to run a joint service failed, and the enquiry was adjourned. The Council is now approaching both companies to run a shoppers' service into Cambridge on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

The next Meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, 5th December at 8 p.m. in the School. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. T.P.

Playgroup Hut

The Hut has now been given to the Parish Council for use by the Village, but before it can be used a certain amount of repair work must be done to put it into good order. If there is anyone in the Village prepared to quote for and to undertake the work set out below, would he please contact:

T. Parrott (Clerk to the Council), 2 Acorn Avenue (80329)

1. Refix the opening windows
2. Renew all external putty
3. Patch or re-nail the roofing felt
4. Repaint external walls
5. Adjust door lock
6. Attend to the spring in the floorboards
7. Hang door to toilet
8. Lag and protect the water service pipe.

Local Press

If organisations in the Village would like their activities publicised in the Cambridge weekly press, here is a reminder that the Bar Hill Correspondent is: Mrs. Judith Dale, 16 Acorn Avenue (80542). Reports of meetings must be received by the following Monday for inclusion in that week's issue.

Feline Enteritis

As many cat-owners will be aware, there have been several cases of enteritis in Bar Hill recently, some fatal. If you have not yet had your cat inoculated against this very infectious disease, you would be well advised to do so without delay.

Bar Hill Residents Association: from the Secretary's notepad

Our Annual General Meeting on 17th November was attended by nearly 80 residents, and we are encouraged by the fact that so many now take an interest in the work of the Association. My notes this month will include items discussed at the AGM and subsequent developments.

<u>New Committee</u>	Mr. W. Bishop	18 Acorn Avenue	80231	
	Mr. D. Briggs	71 Foxhollow ✓	80428	
	* Mr. G. Craske	34 Partridge Drive	80570	
	Mr. R. Hall	41 Otter Close	80304	
	Mr. E. Levitt	27 Otlands Avenue	80266	
	Mr. R. Page	39 Partridge Drive	80243	
	(new address) Mr. K. Read-Jones	23 Foxhollow ✓	80384	Secretary
	Mr. H. Scott	44 Partridge Drive	80242	Treasurer
	Mrs. B. Small	25 Gladeside		
	Mrs. P. Stewart	5 Foxhollow ✓		
	Mr. J. Wills	45 Acorn Avenue	80551	Newsletter Editor
	*Mr. M. Duce	22 Gladeside.		

Paths We have been unable to get a satisfactory answer as yet about the state of the existing paved paths from the Developers, despite their previous assurance that "they would take immediate steps to repair broken slabs".

Lighting The delay is now that the Developers are waiting for the Electricity Board to install their meters, but even as I write this, part of Foxhollow has been "switched on" so perhaps we are beginning to see the light in this problem.

Village Trust The Developers are awaiting a draft scheme from their legal department which should be available for distribution to the various people concerned in the Village within the next seven days, so they say. A meeting will be called following the receipt of this scheme.

Shops The Chemist has withdrawn, but another application is "in hand". Other shops that have applied for leases are: a scooter accessory shop, a launderette (open by Christmas, according to the owner,) and a firm called Spit Fixings.

Trees Arrangements are being put in hand to guard all trees on construction sites.

Landscaping The Developers are not prepared to divulge the amount of money they spend per household on the landscaping of the Village. We have heard of a similar development to ours whose original developers allocated over £100 per house for this purpose!

Foxhollow The problem of surface water and drainage is now being rectified and should not cause further concern.

Open Meeting Mr. Nunn has declined an invitation to attend another open meeting with residents early in the New Year.

Tribute to Mr. R. A. Burry The AGM suggested that a suitable tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Burry, the founder of the present Association, would be to purchase a teak seat, to be positioned in the Mall if the Developers and Parish Council agree.

Play Equipment It was suggested that the new committee look into ways of providing more "adventure playground" type equipment for the communal play areas in the Village, and if necessary of raising funds to purchase it. The Developers would also be asked to assist in providing some of the equipment.

Keymarkets Following complaints about Keymarkets, the meeting agreed that the management should be asked if they would be prepared to meet a "consumer group" of residents representing the Village to discuss the service offered by Keymarkets.

Keymarkets have readily agreed to this, and we hope to fix a date in January. In the meantime please write to me with your suggestions, together with your name and address if you would like to attend.

Rates The committee were asked if they would make enquiries about getting the present rate reduced, as we are not yet entitled to all the facilities that we pay for. The Parish Council pointed out that the present rate was recently increased by a local rate of 3.3p in the pound to help pay for the Village Green, as agreed by a public meeting.

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From the Secretary's notepad (continued from previous page)

The meeting was of the opinion, following the reports given by the Association of its negotiations with the Developers and others, that little progress has been made over the last year concerning Paths, Lights, Play Areas, etc.

The Committee was earnestly requested to look for ways of adding pressure to our requests, by using the local press, by making more use of our solicitors, and, following the meeting, a suggestion that the Association purchase some shares in Trafalgar House and apply pressure from the top!

Our thanks again to those of you who support us. We are still canvassing for new members and, as the Treasurer pointed out in his report, if we are to remain a really useful asset we must be in a financially viable position. Therefore, the more financial support we can obtain from you, the Residents, the more we can attempt and hope to achieve.

My own personal thanks to the Committee for their assistance over the past year, especially to Syd Pugh, who leaves for pastures new, and to Mike Downey, who has had to resign due to pressure of work.

Kevin Read-Jones

Camera Club

There seems to be some considerable interest in the formation of a Camera Club, so I will go ahead and arrange a meeting in early January, the date of which will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Newcomers

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month at 2 p.m. in the Church Centre. Regular helpers, with or without children, are wanted for the creche. If you can help, please phone Mrs. Jo Hall, 80304, or call on Mrs. Jacky Pettet, 52 Oatlands Avenue.

A reminder that our next meeting is on Thursday, 14th December, when Dr. Peck from Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton, will be speaking on the subject "Doctor on the Farm".

Church Centre

The recent jumble sale in aid of the Church Centre raised £55. The purchase of individual chairs in the Centre by residents raised £250. Thank you very much for your contributions.

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SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

If you feel a bit reluctant to join the Painting class at the Church Community Centre on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. there is no need to feel this way. Next term starting on Tuesday, 16 January a special part of the course will be for beginners each week. You are welcome to enrol by coming along any time and if you are interested to see how the class goes on, please come as a visitor any Tuesday afternoon from now.

Another class beginning on Wednesday, 17 January, next term at the Village College is "Women about Women: contemporary novelists". This is a ten week course, and will take the form of lectures and discussions, covering a range of contemporary authoresses who have written novels of social comment.

Below is an extract from a letter which was sent by Mrs. Andrena E. Telford, outlining the class which she will be organising.

We will be looking at the image, roles and conflicts of women today, as seen by modern female writers. A study will be made of selected novels by five contemporary novelists: Iris Murdoch, Doris Lessing, Margaret Drabble, Edna O'Brien and Muriel Spark. We will be examining the extent to which they reflect the changing status of women, and comparing their views with current movements and beliefs. Classes will consist of an informal lecture, followed by a period of discussion.

- Week 1. GIRLS IN THEIR MARRIED BLISS: The Wife.
novel ... A Proper Marriage, Doris Lessing (Panther)
- Week 2. THE NON-FATAL DISEASE?: The Mother
novel ... The Garrick Year, Margaret Drabble (Penguin)
- Week 3. "PORTRAIT OF THE ARTISTS AS ...": The Girl
novel ... The Country Girls, Edna O'Brien (Penguin)
- Week 4. "IN PRAISE OF ...": The Older Woman
novel ... An Unofficial Rose, Iris Murdoch (Penguin)
- Week 5. "I AM DEVOTED TO YOU IN MY PRIME": The Career Woman
novel ... The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Muriel Spark (Penguin)
- Week 6. SEX OBJECT - SEX GODDESS?: The Lover
novel ... The Casualties of Peace, Edna O'Brien (Penguin)
- Week 7. A STATE OF SOLITUDE: The Spinster
novel ... The Millstone, Margaret Drabble (Penguin)
- Week 8. THE DIVIDED SOUL: The Artists
novel ... The Golden Notebook, Doris Lessing
- Week 9. A VALUABLE PROPERTY: The Star
novel ... The Public Image, Muriel Spark (Penguin)
- Week 10. AN UNFINISHED WORK: The Emerging Self
novel ... The Bell, Iris Murdoch (Penguin)

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